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TAGS: OGEN, DA

SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSED DEA STAFFING IN DENMARK FOR  
FY 1975

1. ON NOVEMBER 27, 1973, AT A JOINT MEETING CHAIRED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE COMBINED MEMBERSHIP OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL CABINET COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE AND THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL, APPROVAL WAS GIVEN IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 85 NEW DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION AGENT POSITIONS OVERSEAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975. APPROVAL FOLLOWED OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE SUCCESSES OF OUR DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS, BUT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE ROAD AHEAD WAS A LONG ONE AND THAT OUR INITIAL SUCCESSES SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR ANY LESSENING OF THE LEVEL OF EFFORT BEING MADE. HE ASKED THE CABINET TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO THE ATTACK ON NEWLY EMERGING PROBLEM AREAS AND TO DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB IN COMBATTING THE OLD. OF THESE 85

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AGENT POSITIONS, ONLY TWO ARE ALLOTTED TO EUROPE AND

SPECIFICALLY TO DENMARK.

2. DEA WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INSTRUCTED BY THE WHITE HOUSE TO REVIEW CAREFULLY ITS OVERSEAS STAFFING NEEDS AND TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT EXACTLY WHERE IT PROPOSED TO ESTABLISH

THE NEW POSITIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE CABINET COMMITTEES. DEA HAS NOW PRESENTED ITS PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT IN DETAIL. WITH THE ADDITION OF CLERICAL AND OTHER PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF THE 85 AGENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE CABINET COMMITTEES, THE DEA PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 116 NEW DEA POSITIONS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS DURING FY 75; 10 OF WHICH ARE FOR EUR, INCLUDING 3 FOR POSITIONS FOR DENMARK.

3. BECAUSE OF RECENT, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN MORPHINE BASE TRAFFIC INTO DENMARK AND SUSPICIONS THAT A HEROIN LABORATORY IS OPERATING THERE, DEA NOW BELIEVES IT IS DESIRABLE TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF TWO AGENTS AND ONE SECRETARY IN COPENHAGEN. DANISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT SOME OF THE 30,000 TURKISH WORKERS IN DENMARK ARE INVOLVED IN THE SMUGGLING OF MORPHINE BASE INTO THAT COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, THE RECENT ARRESTS OF A NUMBER OF CHINESE INDICATE A PROBABLE NEW TREND IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN ORIGIN HEROIN IN WESTERN EUROPE. SINCE THE TRADITIONAL PACIFIC ROUTE IS CONTINUALLY UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY, THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT CHINESE GROUPS MAY TRY TO UTILIZE COPENHAGEN, AMSTERDAM AND HAMBURG AS TRANSIT POINTS FOR SHIPMENTS OF HEROIN TO THE US.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF OF MISSION ON DEA'S PROPOSAL INCLUDING ANY IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OF THE EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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